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DOUGLAS FOY WINS WOODROW WILSON AWARD

Douglas I. Foy, secretary of the Office for Commonwealth Development, has been named the recipient of the Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service, in recognition of his work as an environmental leader and as head of the state agency coordinating more sustainable development in Massachusetts. The award will be accepted at a ceremony in Boston in March.

The prestigious award, issued by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, is given to individuals who have served with distinction in public life and share Woodrow Wilson's commitment to public discourse and leadership. Past recipients include Vice President and Mrs. Cheney, Senators John McCain, Bill Frist, John Glenn, Orrin Hatch and Dianne Feinstein, former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney, former defense Secretary Richard Cohen, former secretary of state James Baker, Paul Volcker, William and Jill Ruckelshaus and architect Frank Gehry.

Foy, a member of the 1968 US Olympic Rowing Team, graduated from Princeton University as a University Scholar in engineering and physics in 1969 and from Harvard Law School in 1973. He was also a Churchill Scholar in geophysics at Cambridge University in England. For 25 years he served as president of New England's premier environmental advocacy organization, the Conservation Law Foundation, bringing about the cleanup of Boston Harbor, protecting the Georges Bank fisheries and working to reduce power plant emissions. In 2003, Governor Mitt Romney appointed Foy to serve in his cabinet as the first secretary of the newly created Office for Commonwealth Development, to coordinate the state agencies responsible for transportation, the environment, housing and energy. Today Foy oversees a package of programs and incentives to encourage housing and more efficient growth in the state's cities and towns, including Chapter 40R 'smart growth' special zoning districts, technical assistance through the Smart Growth Toolkit, and funding to facilitate transit-oriented development. Some \$500 million in state funding for public works infrastructure and other grant programs is also now distributed to cities and towns that score well in the new Commonwealth Capital program, which ranks cities and towns based on their sustainable development initiatives.

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars was established in 1968 within the Smithsonian Institution as a living memorial to Woodrow Wilson, the 28th president of the United States. Located in Washington, D.C., the center brings together people from government, academia and business to explore current issues in a non-partisan setting.

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